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THIS IS JERUSALEM

By District Director of
Christian Education

FRED J. GREVE

GUEST EDITORIAL

The rollicking, happy, holiday crowds that have been jamming Jerusalem these last few days—here from all over the empire for the Feast of Weeks, or as some call it, the “Feast of Pentecost” — were shocked today by an incident that occurred here in the city. It was an event that may prove to be as upsetting as the events which were connected with the crucifixion of the man Jesus just fifty days ago at the Passover.

Authorities in the Temple area had been assured that things had become quiet since Easter. They were outwardly shocked and moved by the outbreak which occurred today.

Evidently the followers of the man Jesus had not gone back to the provinces. It is reported today that unknown to authorities, they had gathered in a secret, upper room here in Jerusalem. The reason for their gathering has not been ascertained at our office here because it is a pretty well established fact that they had forsaken their leader just fifty days ago—some had openly and vociferously denied even knowing him.

Be that as it may, they suddenly poured out of their upper room today with a resurgent force.

It is reported by reliable sources here that a rather amazing phenom-

non accompanied this out-break today. Here in the city for the feast of Pentecost, as we reported, were worshippers from the Dispersion — Parthiana Medes, some from Mesopotamia, from Asia, some from Egypt and Libya and of course thousands are here from as far away as Rome. These men were shocked to hear those fisherman preaching to them in their own languages. It had not been known that those men even knew the languages. In fact many who were on the spot today knew those disciples well and absolutely identified them as unlearned and ignorant men.

Clearly the man who was the spokesman for those who broke out of their isolation today... authorities said there were 120 of them... even the mother of the man Jesus was among them... was a big fisherman named Simon Peter. He spoke with great force.

This reporter himself remembers this man Peter as the one who had cut off the ear of one of those soldiers just a few weeks ago in a vain attempt to defend his teacher Jesus... and then he brought great mirth to the city when it was discovered he was the one who denied Jesus in the courtyard. Evidently something has happened to this man. Regardless of

what we might say, he is certainly a changed man.

Peter identified this phenomenon today—which was accompanied so it is reported the sound which actually sounded like a tornado—as that phenomenon of the prophet Joel. In assembling this report, this reporter checked those scrolls and found these words:

“It shall come to pass in the last days saith God I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions . . . and on my servants and on my hand maidens I will pour out my Spirit.”

Peter bluntly said, and we quote, “This is that.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is difficult at this point to evaluate this new development for you.

We who were there when this man Peter spoke had to admit candidly that he is certainly a changed man. There was no cringing in him today. This man had power as he spoke. You can't explain what it is, but he has power. The people scarcely moved as he spoke. He charged them with murdering Jesus, and when we thought it would produce a riot, instead there was great weeping among the masses. When he said “Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus,” three thousand of the men, at least, went with him and were immersed. When we consider the implications of identifying oneself with Jesus it was truly an amazing sight.

How far will this thing go? It is difficult to say. It is evident of course that the temple authorities will take measures to stop it — the Sanhedrin

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is already assembled as of this moment to deal with this problem. But when we recall the satisfaction that the thing had been stamped out with the death of Jesus and then see this today, you just can't tell what might happen.

This man Peter spoke with great force. It may shed some light on things to analyze his words.

He said among other things, that Jesus had commanded them not to go back to the provinces but to wait in Jerusalem until they had received the promise of the Father. That promise was that the Holy Spirit would be "in" them, so Peter said. It was to be a power from on high to make them witnesses. And even a hard-headed reporter has to concede that Peter has power now.

He said, too, that the promise would never be withdrawn. He said it was unto them who listened and unto their children and to everyone who was afar off. God would be a respecter of persons, he said, if He would give the power of the Holy Spirit to them and not to others later on.

If this reporter could hazard a prediction: this thing will be difficult to stop. It may even spread beyond Jerusalem. It is quite logical to assume that the change in Peter could be contagious. I recall reporting to you several years ago when the man John the Baptist was preaching in the Wilderness — attracting those mass crowds — that he promised that Jesus was coming after him and that although John was baptizing them with water, Jesus would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and with fire. That is precisely what happened here today.

Just what would happen in the course of history if men could be changed like these men are, is something to consider. We analyze this thing with all the detachment and objectivity we can possibly assume and have to admit that if the followers of Jesus could have this power that Peter has, they might conceivably turn the world upside down.

BERNHARD and **DORIS JOHN-SON** held a week's meeting in the Copacabana Methodist Church in Brazil and in open air services, both highly successful. Bernhard ministered at the C.A. Convention in Paraguay Thanksgiving week. Seven counties attended. National Bible Day in December was celebrated by a parade and open air rally.

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

Don Beeman, member of the District Building and Lands Committee, answers some pertinent questions:

Q. Can volunteer workers be covered with insurance when working on church construction? How much is the cost?

A. Yes (California Churches). Additional charge on the Workmen's Compensation Policy approximately \$35.00 flat rate.

Q. Can we save any money on our church insurance?

A. Yes, by combining all insurance under one policy, approximately

20-40% can be saved.

Q. Does our church liability policy cover youth outings?

A. Usually, No. A separate policy is needed for field trips. Approximate cost, \$1.00 per member per year.

Q. Are all fire and liability rates the same?

A. No. Companies offering package policies vary in the total cost. Sometimes there is a considerable difference.

(More questions will be answered in next month's column).

Is Your Assembly Building?

District Council Offers Aid In Plans and Related Needs

Art. VI, Sec. 3, Par. "b", District By-Laws, page 141, Yearbook, provides for a Building and Lands Committee to offer assistance to Assemblies by way of suggested floor plans, architectural designs for both church buildings and parsonages. Also in the selection of real estate and other building related problems.

This committee is prepared to assist you. Write or phone the District Office for information concerning their services.

The above photo shows the display exhibited by the Building and Lands Committee Chairman, Rev. E. W. Anderson, at the Heart-Line and Firing-Line Sectional Meetings this year. Literature was distributed.



Building and Lands Committee display.

Please Note:

Ceylon Evangelist **LLOYD PERERA** reports from Colombo, Ceylon. . .

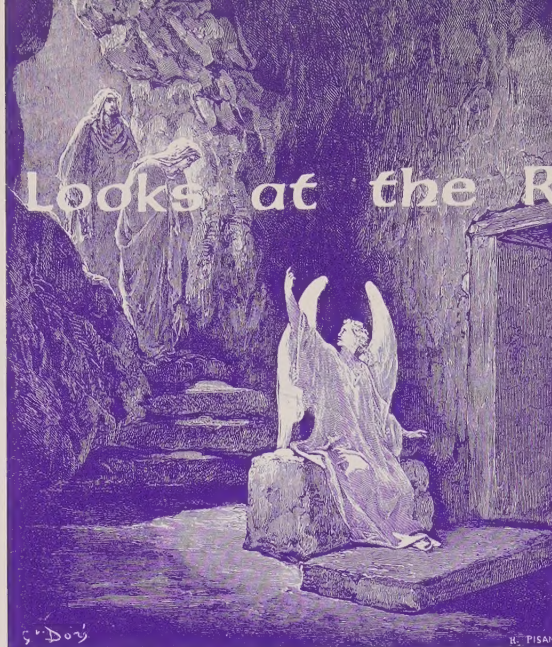
"I have been requested to pastor the church, by the local brethren as well as by the Foreign Missions Depart-



Evangelist Lloyd Perera

ment. . . I am now serving as Pastor of the Colombo Gospel Tabernacle. Since I came unprepared, I am without financial assistance. The church is now packed for every service. Among the many that have made decisions are twelve from my immediate family. Thank God with me for His blessings. This has been a trip worth all its effort and expenditure." (Ed. Note: Brother Perera is a member of the Northern California-Nevada District. Contributions for his support should be sent to the FMD, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Perera's address is, 18/3 Hampden Lane, Colombo 6, Ceylon.)

A Layman Looks at the Resurrection



by L. NELSON BELL, M.D., F.A.C.S

Breaking through the gloom of death and hovering over the seeming finality of the grave there abides the certainty of the resurrection morning; of a morning centuries ago when two men in dazzling robes stood in an empty tomb and exclaimed, "Why seek ye the living among the dead; He is not here, but is risen: . . .", and, the certainty of a yet future morning when, "... The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: . . . and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The true significance of the Cross is inexorably linked with the empty tomb, for while the Cross is the central event of all history the reality of man's redemption is validated by the resurrection.

Without the resurrection our Lord's death on the Cross would have been the symbol of a lost cause. But because He arose from the dead the Christian faith and eternal life combine into one glorious hope.

Without the resurrection there is no Gospel to preach. Because of Christ's victory over death and the grave the Gospel is a message of life and victory for everyone who believes.

The Necessity of the Resurrection

As the plan of God's redemptive work for sinful man unfolds, the resurrection emerges as an absolute necessity. Prior to any resurrection there must have been death, and we know that death came into this world because of sin. If Christ's work of redemption was to be effective then He must triumph over all the results of sin. The resurrection therefore becomes living proof of His power as Saviour.

The curse of sin not only has passed from man to man and from generation to generation but the ground itself was a partaker of the curse: "... *thorns and thistles shall it cause to bud.*" The crown of thorns worn at Calvary was not merely a symbol of the derision of His tormentors. Rather we believe it to be a divinely ordained symbol of His bearing in His body the penalty of sin, — in man and in nature.

Isaiah, writing of the ultimate triumph of the Gospel, tells of a day when: "*Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*"

In the light of the unfolded Gospel, revealing as it does God's love for man and the redemption which He had planned in and through His Son in the councils of eternity, the resurrection becomes an absolutely necessary part of the whole.

The Fact of the Resurrection

That our Lord arose physically and visibly from the dead is one of the best attested facts of all history. Remove the resurrection story from the historical records, — in the gospels, in the history of the early Church as given us in the Acts of the Apostles, in the Pauline and others letters, and in the book of the Revelation, and the crowning proof of Christ as Saviour, and of the immortality of the soul, vanishes from sight.

The evidence is so overwhelming, and the effect so transforming, that a study of the record brings with it the certainty of the resurrection. It was first ignored, then disbelieved and finally accepted as the crowning proof of the Christian faith.

The scriptural record is one of internal evidence beyond the realm of collusion. The disciples never understood our Lord's frequent references to his death and resurrection. After He had risen from the dead they still doubted. Only as they were confronted with "*many infallible proofs*" was their unbelief and hopelessness transformed into a burning assurance. Only then did they know that the One they had seen die on the cross and then knew had been buried in a near-by tomb was alive.

They knew this same Jesus was alive.

They saw Him.

They heard Him speak.

They touched Him.

They ate with Him.

They were aware of the amazing fact that while in some way He was changed He had the *same body* for they saw the scars in His hands and feet and at least one of them was invited to end his persistent doubts by thrusting his hand into the wound in His side.

In the succeeding days they frequently enjoyed the fellowship of the risen Lord. His miraculous powers were still in evidence and His command to them to go out, after they had received the power of the Holy Spirit, and make disciples of all nations was an impelling commission which turned timid and ignorant men into flaming evangelists of whom it was said that they turned the world upside down. That they were faithful to the command of their risen Lord — faithful even unto death — is but further evidence of the effect of knowing they were preaching about a risen and living Saviour and Lord.

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The editor of a popular weekly once asked his readership to send him a short list of "Books that have helped me." Among the more interesting replies was one which said: "My mother's cookbook and my father's checkbook."

Reflecting upon my reading of last year it is evident that books about the inner life have predominated. This, for a minister, is certainly good, even mandatory. So much of our time is spent in public that we tend, if we are not careful, to live phony lives. By this I mean that the outward way of life, by over-cultivation, becomes a disguise for an not an expression of the inner nature — the real man.

Prayer can change your Life (W. R. Parker & Elaine St. Johns) was recommended by a colleague. The author, a college professor, psychologist and a nominal Christian found himself on the verge of a mysterious nervous breakdown. He began to pray and in a few months was well. This experience led him to question why so few really reap the benefit of their prayers.

He enlisted 45 people — "a cross section of ordinary humanity suffering in some degree discords of mind and body" — and with them began a controlled scientific experiment in prayer. The results, after nine months, make fascinating reading and study.

Catherine Marshall, in *Beyond Ourselves*, has not only written her spiritual biography but has produced, among other things, a penetrating analysis of the will, faith, egocentricity and Divine healing. To me, the chapter entitled "The Prayer of Relinquishment" brought a new and vivid aspect of faith in action.

Because of a reference in Catherine Marshall's book to Glenn Clark's *I will Lift up Mine Eyes*, I ordered this volume. I discovered it was for daily devotional use through a cycle of twelve weeks. Personally, I find such books a great help in priming my spiritual pump each morning.

This isolated quotation may not mean much but it enunciates one of the most vital principles of prayer: "Our lips speak the thoughts of our conscious mind, but only the heart speaks the thoughts of our subconscious mind. 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.' 'Out of the heart come the issues of life.' And when the lips and the heart are in alignment, when they track together with the absolute certainty that the rear feet of the deer track with the front feet, then nothing is impossible — —"

DIVIDENDS

by Pastor GEORGE HOLMES

Menlo Park Community Assembly

The paperback is a tremendous invention. For fifty cents I obtained Charles L. Allen's *God's Psychiatry* and many moments of delight. The plan of the book and the homiletic satisfaction of each section will often bring me back to it. Here's a little gem: "Healing means bringing the person into a right relationship with the physical, mental and spiritual laws of God."

Spiritual Depression: its Causes and Cure (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones) is a Bible-based study by a former physician and the present pastor at one of the London centers of great preaching. "If all Christians simply began to function as the New Testament would have us do, there would be no problems of evangelism confronting the Church." The author gives reasons why this functioning is almost non-existent and here are three pertinent ones:

1. Many Christians have no clear understanding of certain Biblical principles,
2. Their heart is not fully engaged,
3. Their will is divided.

"I tell the following story without documentation. A friend was surprised to discover that a minister had given up his pulpit several years before and was practicing medicine. My friend asked the man why he had done it.

"I took up the practice of medicine because I discovered that people will pay more money to care for their bodies than for their souls," he answered.

Some years later the man gave up medicine and became an attorney. Perplexed, my friend again asked for a reason and received this reply: "I took up the practice of law because I discovered that people will pay more money to get their own way than for either body or soul." This is a quotation from *None of These Diseases* by S. I. McMillen M.D., who shows that the Bible's directives concerning health and sanitation pre-date science by about 4000 years. A great paperback.

A Minister's Obstacles (Ralph G.

Turnbull) should be read, I think, on one's knees. "To promote the highest ends of the ministry, the servant of God must begin with himself." This is how the book opens.

"The science of personal religion, the science of the inward spiritual life, is by far the most important, the most universal, the oldest and the most fruitful of all the experimental sciences." So the book continues.

"We are not paid to preach; we are given an allowance to be free to preach." Surgical?

What about this? "The trick of evasion in the handling of truth is in the minds of most ministers; it is sly and slippery unless we live at the heart of the 'gospel of the glory of the blessed God.' It may find expression in the round of engagements and the sin of overwork to the neglect of the intake of new illumination and understanding of that which has already been revealed. Every theological student and would-be servant of God should be aware that, first, we are men before ministers. Our Christian life is lived by the same sources of grace as others. Only we must enter upon a postgraduate course in the spiritual university. Here we do well not to confuse prejudices with our principles. The mysteries of our creed must needs be transmuted into the moralities of our conduct. That will mean a translucent life wedded to concrete convictions of faith."

I have not finished reading this book. I can only take so much at one time. No doubt, there will be a psychological time for me to commence the next chapter because it starts like this: "Nothing chills the heart of a pastor more than the sense of being left alone."

This article, though incomplete, has reached its allotted span. I look with relish at the short stack of books near my desk that, God willing, I expect to make my travelling companions this year.

Maybe, you and I will meet in the distinguished company of some of these volumes.



CHURCH NEWS

ANDERSON

Anderson Assembly of God was wonderfully blessed during four nights of special services with Reverend C. M. Ward, Revivaltime Evangelist. A number were at the altar for salvation. Excellent crowds attended every night and a spiritual uplifting was experienced by the entire congregation. We were also privileged to have Brother Ward as speaker at the monthly meeting of the Shasta County Evangelical Ministerial Association. . . . Pastor Eugene Lawrence.

CHOWCHILLA

First Assembly . . . "We are experiencing one of the greatest moves of the Holy Ghost in the history of the church. Many denominational friends are coming in and receiving wonderful experiences. Our C. A. Group is the largest it has been in years with over 40 members. The choir now has 38 voices. We are preparing to buy a large bus for the choir to go to other churches to minister." . . . Pastor Floyd W. Baker.

GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

Pastor and Mrs. Charles Baldwin are proudly announcing the arrival of young John Douglas on February 11, 1966. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 oz. Congratulations to the Baldwin family.

HIGHWAY CITY

Reverend Earl Hubbard conducted our annual Workers Training Course. 28 certificates were issued for the course entitled, "So Send I You." . . . Pastor E. M. McKim.

PITTSBURG

First Assembly recently had a most outstanding meeting with Evangelist Leonard Miller. About 12 were saved, 27 filled with the Spirit and many received physical healing. We have seen more than 50 adults and teenagers saved during the past one and a half years. . . . Pastor Wm. Younger.

SAN JOSE

Evangelistic services were recently held at Bethel Church with Evangelists Johnny Barton and Mike Laskey. The services were greatly blessed with several saved and a number filled with the Holy Spirit. Many testified also to physical healing.

For all of the blessing of the Lord through His servants, we at Bethel are rejoicing. Our prayer is that the fires of revival that were ignited in the hearts of the congregation will continue to burn for the glory of God. . . Pastor Leland R. Keys.

TUOLUMNE

The photo is of our recent Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade project. A great deal of interest was created through the use of this visual aid. Our Director, Norma Davis, set up an African village on a large piece of plywood. This included an African hut, villagers, palm trees and a grassy landscape.

An animal was then added for each \$5.00 the boys contributed and an animal was also added for each \$5.00



the girls contributed. At the beginning of the year a total of \$120.00, or \$10.00 per month, was pledged. The total raised for the year was \$120.63. This amount was raised by a group of boys and girls numbering approximately fifteen each Sunday.

We thank God for the faithfulness of the children and pray that the boys and girls in Africa will be blessed by the Gospel literature which this gift will purchase. . . . Pastor James W. Pitts.

TAHOE VALLEY

South Shore Chapel . . . "During the month of February, we broke all previous Sunday School record attendances with 53 present on the 27th. A year ago the same day the attendance was 32. We thank God for this increase. David Nielsen is our new Sunday School Superintendent. Several have received Christ as Saviour during the past few weeks, for which we thank the Lord. Guest speakers this month have been—Reverend Jim Nielsen, Reverend Richard Adams, and Missionary James Berry.

South Shore Chapel urgently needs a baptistry. Skilled men with a know-

ledge and interest in sharing in this worthy Home Missions project are requested to contact Reverend Gerald Boyd, Pastor, P.O. Box 3442, Tahoe Valley, California.

CUPERTINO

A day of dedication was enjoyed on February 27th. Rev. Fred Greve spoke for the morning service, District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart, brought the official dedicatory message in the afternoon at which time music from Bethany Bible College was featured. Pastor Grover Risner and congregation rejoice in the excellent educational unit which is now completed and ready for occupancy.

GALT

Bethel Temple enjoyed one week of special meetings with Reverend James C. Merwin of San Jose. Mrs. Alpha Henson, of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, was guest speaker on WMC Day. . . . Our Teen Bible Club Breakfasts are growing and five denominations are represented in the attendance. . . Pastor Mel Woods.

RENO NEVADA

Recent guest speakers have included, Missionary Paul Pipkin, Evangelists and Mrs. R. H. Bishop, Missionary John Peck, Reverend Richard Williams of College Campus Ministries and Evangelist George Branch. In each of these services there were those who made decisions for Christ. . . . Pastor Wayne Crawford.

SANTA ROSA

Reverend and Mrs. Bob Rannells have joined the Staff of First Assembly as Associate Pastor. They are also delighted with a little daughter, Robin Sharlese, born February 5th. Brother Rannell's portfolio will especially be concerned with a Ministry to Youth and Evangelism. The Pastor of the Assembly is the Reverend Watson Argue, Jr.

STOCKTON

Eastside Assembly is continuing in the spirit of revival since January 2, when we started special meetings with Evangelist C. R. Welch of Licking, Missouri. At least five entire families came to Christ during the special services. Our church is thrilled because so many first time decisions were made, and this is certainly encouraging. Revival is here, and we intend to keep the fires burning." . . . Pastor Paul F. Keil.

LELAND and SHIRLEY GOOD report from Bolivia that Leland has been appointed Director of Radio for a national program of Total Evangelism. In addition to campaigns, a Pastor's Retreat, national convention and classes, he has a daily broadcast which reaches most of Bolivia. Shirley has been named National Director of Sunday Schools. Pray for the Goods.

LYDIA GRANER is available for conventions and will be itinerating during July and August, leaving for the east the last of September.

RALPH and FRANCES HIATT — NOTE NEW ADDRESS, Ralph Hiatt, Tandil N. 114, Sucursal 9, Cordoba, Argentina. The Hiatts are now in the geographical center of the nation. Ralph has been elected national C. A. President and has two C.A. and a Royal Ranger camp to minister and supervise. Recently due to incomplete directions he found himself fifty miles off his road but when he was properly directed discovered a hungry heart waiting for instructions on how to be saved. The soil had been prepared by Bible reading and radio evangelism.

ALEX and ANN SHEVCHUK, write of their activities in the Philip-pines. Alex edits the Russian and Ukranian programs for two and a half hours of daily broadcasting. Ann edits four English programs, does correspondence and works in the tape library. They have received two letters from Russia and twenty from Australia who also hear the Russian broadcasts.

1. Ann Shevchuck & son at FEBC Compound entrance.
2. Shevchuck Family at Dining Room Table.
3. Study and Recording Studio.



MISSIONS ITEMS

PAUL and VIOLET PIPKIN have been appointed to serve in the Philippine Islands using radio and television outreach in a ministry which will revolve around pioneering new Assemblies of God churches. The Pipkins will be itinerating in their home districts.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Wesley R. Hurst, Home Secretary for Foreign Missions, requests special prayer for Everett L. Phillips, Field Secretary for Africa who is leaving for the Congo, March 18, to survey the work there. Pray for his safety and God's guidance in the judgments he will be called upon to make.

HOME MISSIONS

Ground was broken recently at Trinidad for a new District Affiliated church. Presbyter Joseph Murray officiated. The pastor is Mrs. Archie Pool.



A WMC IN DAKAR, SENEGAL, West Africa — Virginia Corbin writes,

"Our WMC group here in Dakar meets regularly every Thursday afternoon from 4-6:30 p.m. We have several excellent seamstresses in the group. They sponsor a sewing class for African girls.

The picture of myself and the children is taken in our living room on the twins birthday. We are all wearing outfits sent us by the OAKDALE WMC. The children's outfits are matching in blue and my dress is a lovely yellow. It was just terrific to receive their package.

The Dakar Evangelistic Center is located right on the Civic Center. The educational unit houses the Youth Chapel, WMC Room, Scouts, Missionettes (we have about 25), Sunday School Rooms, Offices and the Senegal Bible Institute.

The Lord has abundantly blessed this work in this Moslem City, and we believe that in the days ahead, we will see an even greater harvest."

1. Missionary Virginia Corbin—Twins, Craig and Chris, age 1 yr, Cherie, age 3½ yrs.
2. Dakar Evangelistic Center-Church.
3. WMC Group.
4. Educational Unit and Recreation Area.



Bethany Students Challenged at Annual Missionary Conclave

"His Hand Extended" was the theme of Bethany's annual Missionary Convention held this year, February 15-18 on the Santa Cruz Campus. The Reverend Wesley R. Hurst, Home Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield, Missouri, was the guest speaker.

Drawing from his vast missionary background both as an Assemblies of God missionary and administrator, the Reverend Hurst challenged the student body with the great task of world evangelization. Above all, the messages were practical. As one student said "Reverend Hurst knows where we live."



8 Waiters and waitresses in foreign costumes serve at Missionary Banquet.



Guest speaker, the Reverend Wesley Hurst, delivers closing Missionary Message with theme backdrop in background.

During the week of missionary emphasis, the Reverend Hurst spoke in both a morning chapel service and an evening rally. During the day, he had opportunity to talk with students on a personal basis concerning their interest in missions. Many students responded to the challenge of God's Word.

The week was climaxed by Bethany's annual Missionary Banquet, which was attended by most of the student body and a number of invited guests.

After a delightful dinner, served by students in the native costumes of countries around the world, and a musical program, the Reverend Hurst, who has been a missionary to Tan-
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EVANGELIST PHIL LINDVALL and family report from their home base in Rockford, Illinois . . . "Our current meeting is in Bloomington Minnesota. Minnesota is the land of Scandanavians and thus they encourage my singing Swedish each night. Someone in Milaca, Minnesota, gave me a guitar — do I enjoy it!!

Sister Lindvall and I both have a strong vision of revival. Let me share with you just one day's activities in our present conference. At our 4 a.m. prayer meeting, four were present. At 6 a.m. prayer meeting we had five present. At 9:30 the number had encreased to eight. At 10:30 I preached for the morning service. At 12:15 p.m. we had another prayer meeting with some staying over an hour and a half and some from three to six hours. Tonight we have a 6:30 prayer meeting, 7:30 service and a 9:30 prayer meeting.

The churches where we have had meetings have been spiritual churches. The pastors have had strong burdens for revival."

CHAPLAIN RICHARD D. WOOD reports from his duties in Alaska . . . "Time has been flying by. It's hard to believe that soon nine months will be completed here in Alaska. What a rich tour of duty it has been! My traveling has been quite extensive from Anchorage to Nome, all along the coast through Wales, Kotzebue, Cape Lisburne, Point Lay, Wainright, Point Barrow, as well as Saint Lawrence Island. This last month one of the Site Chaplains and I exchanged circuits, so I got to Fairbanks as well as some of the interior areas of the State of Alaska."



Rev. Dan Bayliss Launches Radio Ministry

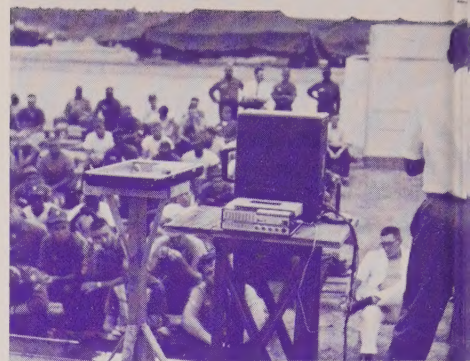
REVEREND DAN BAYLISS announces a radio ministry called the "Defender Hour." He asks the prayers of Glad Tidings readers for this ministry.

KGMS — Redding, Sunday 8:00-8:30 a.m.

KHSL—Chico, Sunday 10:30 - 11:00 p.m.

KFAX — S.F., Saturday 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

XERB — Mexico, Saturday 11:30 p.m.



BOB HARRISON'S

VIET NAM REPORT



Evangelists Bob Harrison
and Billy Graham

In a world filled with hatreds and tense race relations, one of America's outstanding negro Evangelists, the Rev. Robert "Bob" Harrison, stands as a shining light. His extensive ministry through gospel crusades and musical concerts in Africa, Europe, Central America, the Caribbeans, Asia, and the United States has brought a message of hope to hundreds of thousands.

The ministry of Bob is most unique because in addition to his preaching ability, he is also an accomplished singer and musician. For six years he traveled as an associate Evangelist with Billy Graham, appearing before vast audiences throughout the world including one meeting of 134,000 in Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Harrison has appeared before royalty and heads of state around the globe, and has an extensive ministry through radio, television, and his three long-play recordings. Last year he had the privilege of conducting some of the largest crusades ever held in Africa. Presently he maintains weekly broadcasts throughout the entire continent of Africa as well as the United States.

In his just completed seven weeks tour of the Orient, Bob was teamed with world famed gospel tenor Norman Nelson in crusades in Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam and Singapore. One of the outstanding highlights of the tour was ministry with several thousand American and Vietnamese troops in Vietnam under the auspices of the U.S. Government.

In San Francisco, California, where Bob was born and raised, he was an outstanding sprinter and football

What is the true picture? Are we oblivious to the tragedy of war going on in Vietnam? What about our boys involved in grim fighting where there are no battle lines to smash, no cities to liberate? How can a ministry of Evangelism be carried on in the light of conditions as reported in our newspapers? All these questions plagued my mind as I made my way to Vietnam. However, our Lord said, "Occupy" — not until war clouds threaten and break about you, but "Until I Come."

This was a time of danger and death, a time of spiritual hunger and need—Traveling dangerous roads by land-rover and jeep or flying by military helicopter, I went into many battle areas to minister to our boys through music and the spoken word. Many times my songs would be backed by mortar, recoilless rifles, and artillery fire, I was amazed that I was not pre-occupied with the dangers and risks attendant to my daily tasks. Rather, I had discovered a sense of commitment and an eagerness to 'buy up the opportunities' on every hand. My concern was to reach as many as possible with the message of Christ — the "Life Giver."

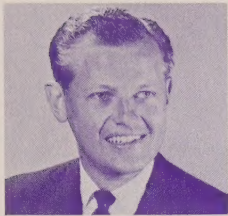
Names like Saigon, Nah Trang, Da Nang, Quang Tri have taken on new meaning. These are places representing lives I have come in contact with—struggling to preserve the freedom of the world, Guerrilla terrorism is a normal part of life in war-torn Vietnam. Thus all is constantly tense.

It is not until you visit the hospitals that you come face to face with the war. One fellow with a leg amputated and the other broken in two places—another lay next to him with burns over 75 per cent of his body — yet another in a coma for three days. I sang to them the negro spiritual 'Nobody Knows The Trouble I See' and then told them though sorrow may endure for a night — joy comes in the morning. And those who see the trouble coming, may also see the "Man of Sorrow" who took on Himself all the troubles of the world. This message was repeated as I was taken into the V.C. prison camp, for they too had real spiritual needs. Yes, God gave a harvest even among the enemy.

I can take no credit for the victories experienced but only say, "To God be the glory, great things he hath done."

player in both high school and San Francisco State College. He later studied at the San Francisco Conservatory of music and graduated from Bethany Bible College.





CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

STEPHEN ASMUTH, President

1966 Summer Youth Camp Dates

Bethany Park Jr. High	July 18-23
Bethany Park Sr. High	July 25-30
Redwood	July 25-30
Mt. Lassen Sr. High	Aug. 1-6
Silver Spur	Aug. 15-20
Lake Tahoe	Aug. 22-27



⬆ Leland Good in radio studio preparing radio tapes. This equipment was supplied by Speed-the-Light.

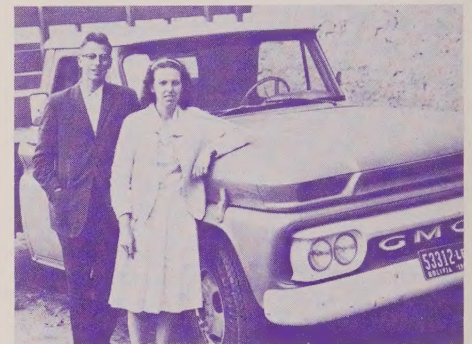
Leland and Shirley Good, missionaries to Bolivia, South America, by their new Speed-the-Light ⬆ truck. They wrote, "How thankful we are for this transportation supplied by the C.A.'s!"



Ruby McMurray, missionary to Malaysia, with young people holding meetings in Petaling Jaya with use of Speed-the-Light P.A. system. Don and Ruby wrote, "Some weeks ago you and the C.A.'s supplied us with a P.A. system that has literally established two churches and has helped us much in our own work in Petaling Jaya. Thank you, C.A.'s, for your concern. If God wills in the future, this P.A. system will be used even more to reach those that need Christ as we hold street meetings and village meetings."



Glad Tidings young people, Petaling Jaya, preparing to leave for street meeting and "tracting." P.A. system supplied by Speed-the-Light giving of Northern California and Nevada C.A.'s.



NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK AND C.A. DAY

"And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (I Corinthians 3:23) The theme for National C.A. Day, April 24, 1966, is *Christ's*. The emphasis is on the apostrophe which indicates ownership. Christ's Ambassadors do not belong to themselves. They are actually Christ's exclusive possession.

Complete helps for an effective C.A. Day, including a special Youth Week emphasis April 18-24, are included in the Spring Quarter C.A. Guide. The C.A. Day poster and other helps are included in the April ADVANCE, sent to all ministers. Free Apostrophe C.A. Day tags are available from the National C.A. Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo.

National C.A. Day is the one opportunity a year that is given to our churches to contribute to the national department. A new manual has just been produced for Adult C.A. Counselors. Each church sending an offering for the National C.A. Department on C.A. Day may have one of these new manuals free of charge. Simply request the "Adult C.A. Counselor's Manual" by name when sending your C.A. Day offering.

Prevent Sunday School DROPOUTS

by WAYNE CRAWFORD, *Presbyter of the Sierra-Nevada Section.*

ARE you appalled at the Sunday School dropout? There is great national concern over the students that drop out of our secular schools and steps are being taken to correct this. Are we as concerned over those that "drop out" of our Sunday Schools and Churches, and what steps are we taking to correct this? John 15:16 expresses the will of God and the cry of many of God's saints, when Jesus said, "that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

One of the problems facing the Churches today is conserving the gains of our efforts in our Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and the related efforts of our Church. What a joy it brings to our heart to see souls as they come, accept Christ and begin this new life of victory and faith. But oh, the heartache to see this fruit to be lost after a few years, and sometimes months. This is a great concern to the heart of God, God desires that "your fruit should remain."

In Judges 6 we are given a parallel; in the days of Gideon, when the Children of Israel were in captivity to Midian, God allowed a calamity to befall them. They would plant seed in the spring and just at the time of harvest the enemy would come in and take the fruit of their labor. For years their labor was in vain. The situation became so serious they cried unto the Lord. The Lord sent to them the

Prophet who once again reminded them of His grace and mercy in delivering them from bondage, but they did not completely obey His command! I'm sure as he spoke, they knew how painfully true it was and they knew where they had failed.

God sent an angel to Gideon and said, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." Gideon answered, "If the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all His miracles which our fathers told us of?" Why all this labor in vain? Have you ever asked why? Jesus gave important direction in John 15 that great chapter of the vine and the branches. The application is so simple that we sometimes miss the truth of it. Verse 4 in the Amplified states, "Dwell in Me and I will dwell in you, Live in Me and I will live in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (vitality united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me."

Fruit that is removed from the limb before it is mature will not keep very long. *Jesus desires that the fruit of our labor will remain through-out eternity.* Yet we see the very thing happening in the spiritual. . . . boys and girls come to our Sunday Schools, give their hearts to God and then in a few years they drift away from God, and as Paul expresses it, "our labor

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LOYALTY

"Follow Truth" will be the theme of the 1966 Loyalty Campaign for all our churches. For each Sunday of the campaign a basic doctrine of the Bible will be emphasized along with Scripture memorization.

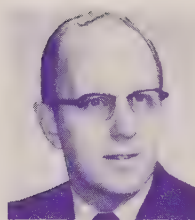
There are very important emphases for each of the seven Sundays, as:
April 17—"The Bible is Inspired"
April 24—"There is One True God"
May 1—"Christ is the Only Savior"
May 8—"Healing is God's Provision"
May 15—"The Church is the Body of Christ"
May 22—"Christ is Coming Again"
May 29—"The Holy Spirit Empowers for Service."

Beginning the Sunday after Easter, the Campaign lasts through Pentecost

Sunday and is basically designed to conserve the results of the Easter gains together with implanting the character trait of Loyalty into person's hearts.

Planning and promotional helps for the campaign are provided in the 12-page clipout in the March issue of *Advance*. If you have not seen yours, be sure to ask your pastor immediately.

Every Sunday School staff should secure these planning aids and begin early to organize for a successful Loyalty Campaign. You can obtain a PACKET of additional helps for 25¢ by writing to the National S.S. Department, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FRED J. GREVE, DIRECTOR

VBS Clinics Soon

Two Vacation Bible School Clinics have been scheduled for April with Reverend L. B. Keener as speaker. The clinics are called "area-wide" clinics because it is expected that people will be attracted from many of our sections of our district.

The first clinic will be held in Turlock on April 16, and the second will be at Bethel Temple in Sacramento on April 23. Reverend Kirk Soper and his Commission on Vacation Bible Schools are sponsoring these clinics under the direction of the Christian Education Department.

Workshops, how-to-do times, and the presentation of the new Curriculum will make the day packed full.

Joann Cole, one of Rev. Ed Cole's pretty daughters was quoting Romans 8:39, "Neither Height, nor depth nor any other preacher shall be able to separate us from the love of Christ. . ."

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**ARE YOUR PEOPLE
IN THE DARK ON
DOCTRINE?**

LIGHT A LIGHT

FOLLOW TRUTH

**THE
1966 LOYALTY CAMPAIGN**

**STRESSING THE UNDERSTANDING
OF OUR BASIC DOCTRINES**

The themes of the campaign will spotlight our doctrines as follows:

The Bible Is Inspired
There Is One True God
Christ Is the Only Saviour
Healing Is God's Provision
The Church Is the Body of Christ
Christ Is Coming Again
The Holy Spirit Empowers for Service

The 1966 Loyalty Campaign will provide an excellent opportunity for establishing your congregation in the faith. See the March issue of *Advance* for planning helps.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE, President

Days of Refreshing

Beginning Thursday evening, May 5, with a snacktime and then a worship hour, a record attendance is anticipated at this annual event at Silver Spur Lodge, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Department. A full program is slated before the conclusion on Saturday, May 7, with luncheon.

Speakers of the meeting will be Dr. C. E. Britton of Alhambra, California, and Mr. Sam Jordan of Ottumwa, Iowa. Mr. Jordan was the speaker at the Assemblyman's Convention last October in Oakland, and his messages are still exerting an influence on the lives of men. Mr. Jordan is an Insurance Broker, but has traveled extensively in the interest of personal evangelism. Recently he was elected President of the National Council of Action Crusades of the Assemblies of God Men's Fellowship Department.

COLE'S CORNER

Two gentlemen conversing while on an airline flight discovered that one of them was a Christian and the other was not. The non-Christian was a manufacturer of soap, quite derisive of Christianity, and began to press his points home with pungent comments.

"How can Christianity be true when after it has existed for these hundreds of years there is still so much wickedness and still so many vile people," vehemently asked the manufacturer.

The Christian paused for a moment — then picked up the conversation saying, "Sir, your soap must not be very good because there is still so much dirt and so many dirty people."

"But — soap is only good when it is applied," bristled the manufacturer. "Ah — that's the way it is with Christianity."

Applied Christianity is quite different from implied Christianity. It is not implication that is the issue but identification. Are you identified with Christ?

The Friday and Saturday mornings will be sessional with Friday afternoon recreational. Trout season is open, golf course is near by, and on the grounds there is swimming, horse-shoes, volleyball, ping pong, hiking, even checkers and chess among other assorted forms of activity.

Mr. Burke Hollison, Coordinator, has made adequate arrangement and preparations for housing up to 220 men.

Total price for the entire event including all meals and lodging is \$14.50. Those attending are expected to bring their own bedding, but if they want the camp to provide it there will be an additional charge of \$1.00.

This is another laymen oriented activity of the Assemblies of God, and attendance is open to any men wanting to attend. Men of various congregations are encouraged to bring their pastor as their guest. Many of those attending last year have been looking forward to the forthcoming "Days" and its spiritual uplift.

Reservations may be made by writing to: Mr. Burke Hollison, Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.



Dr. C. E. Britton

Following is a list of all local fellowships which have certified with the District Men's Fellowship Office:

Assembly of God, Brentwood
Assembly of God, Burlingame
Calvary Temple, Concord
Assembly of God, Cottonwood
Assembly of God, Dixon
Assembly of God, Gridley
First Assembly of God, Manteca
Assembly of God, Redwood City
Bethel Temple, San Jose
First Assembly of God, San Jose
East Side Assembly of God,
Stockton
Bethel Temple, Turlock
First Assembly of God, Windsor.

Dr. C. E. Britton, "Days of Refreshing" Speaker

Four nearly 42 years Dr. C. E. Britton has been Pastor of Bethany Church in Alhambra, California. Under his aggressive and fruitful ministry this pioneer work has become a strong evangelical influence in the San Gabriel Valley. From a very small beginning in a home, this church now has a large, active membership, a growing Sunday School, and a complex of beautiful buildings and property worth nearly three-fourths of a million dollars.

As a young man, Dr. Britton was challenged by a call to the mission field. Though it was physically impossible for him to serve in foreign lands, he has directed the development of Bethany Church into a strong missionary enterprise: His ministry has influenced the lives of literally hundreds of missionaries around the world. He was instrumental in the formation of such well-known groups as F.E.B.C., "Airmail From God," and "Haven of Rest." He serves on a number of missionary boards as well.

Dr. Britton is noted for his teaching ability as well as his unique pulpit ministry. For a number of years he served with distinction on the faculties of both LIFE Bible College and Southern California College.

In September of 1964 Dr. Britton asked for retirement from his pastoral duties, and in August, 1965, relinquished the pastorate to Rev. Kenneth M. Haystead of Portland, Oregon. Dr. Britton is now recognized as Pastor-Emeritus of Bethany Church, a position of honor befitting one who has given so much of himself in service to his church. He is truly an "elder statesman" of the Gospel, ministering, counselling and giving guidance and assistance in many areas.

Following is a list of all Royal Ranger outposts which have certified with the District Royal Rangers Office:

Sonoma Valley Assembly of God,
Boyce Hot Springs
Assembly of God, Burlingame
Assembly of God, Cottonwood
Central Assembly of God, El
Sobranite
Gospel Tabernacle, Fair Oaks
First Assembly of God, Manteca
Bethel Church, Modesto
First Assembly of God, Pittsburg
Assembly of God, Redwood City
Assembly of God, Rohnerville
Alisal Assembly of God, Salinas
Bethel Church, San Jose
First Assembly of God, San Jose.

Sunday School Dropout

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is in vain," as far as these individuals are concerned. Jude calls these, "Clouds without water," "trees whose fruit withered."

The tide began to turn when Gideon prepared a sacrifice and offered it and himself to God. He put first things first, when he made sure of his own dedication and consecration. When each one of us make a fresh commitment to God, we have started in the right direction toward seeing that "our fruit may remain." Romans tells us, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," nothing short of this will meet God's demands.

There are many things that will destroy fruit, frost, hail, wind, insects and etc. I recall how my father, in the Nebraska sandhills, spent many hours planting a ring of trees around the orchard to protect it from the fierce winds and the cold. Many apples were saved from destruction from this hedge and windbreak. Our hearts are thrilled with the fact that our Heavenly Father has placed a hedge around His vineyard. He is concerned that the fruit may remain. Jesus reveals this desire in the 17th Chapter of John, verse 15 as He prayed to the

Father, "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you will keep and protect them from the evil (one)". His desire is also shown very vividly in the Parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. Some would be satisfied with 99 out of 100, one out of ten, or one out of two sons, but Jesus said each one was important, for in each case they "went after that which was lost until they found it."

In this modern world, with all its activities and frustrations, sometimes the Christian worker is swallowed up in this same spirit and forgets his purpose for being here. Jesus stated that purpose in, "I am come to seek and to save that which is lost." Is this the concern of your heart? As we recognize the Lordship of Christ this will become a compelling force in our lives. We need to once again hear the heartbeat of God as He yearns for those who have drifted out of the way. Years ago in the midwest, there was a group of men putting up ice in the ice-house for the coming summer. This ice was put between layers of sawdust and straw. During the day one of the men lost an expensive watch and for several hours they tried frantically to find it, but to no avail. When things quieted down, a young boy asked permission to try to find the watch. The men reluctantly gave

permission to the boy. In a few minutes the boy emerged from the ice-house holding the treasured watch. "How did you do it?" was the cry from their lips. "It was simple," replied the boy, "I just took time to listen and I heard the ticking of the watch. You men were making too much noise to hear it." The application is evident, in the hurry and scurry of life, there are those who have gone under, in the eyes of our Lord and Master they are precious, will you take time to listen, they can be found, this fruit can remain.

BBC Campus Day April 30th

Bethany's annual day of college life for high school juniors and seniors is scheduled for April 30. This "open house" at Bethany gives high school students who are soon to be graduated, the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the college, both with its academic requirements and with some of its extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Cordas C. Burnett, President of Bethany Bible College, urges pastors and youth leaders in all Assembly of God churches within traveling distance to reserve this date and to encourage their young people to visit the college.

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Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade

(We're only third - we try harder)
The B.G.M.C. barrels might seem to be for little people but they really spell Big Business in the world-wide distribution of literature.

Recently, in Springfield, the awards for the two top districts in giving were presented. For many years, Northern California had been either first or second. This year we came in third.

The Eastern District gave \$16,341.44, and in second place was New York District with \$10,706.01. Northern California and Nevada? We were third with \$10,070.61.

Is your church participating? Remember that it does two things: (1) provides literature *now* for missionaries globe-wise; and (2) it trains our children in Stewardship.

We wish, therefore, to suggest that any church not participating start immediately. We wish, therefore, to urge all churches to make a greater emphasis. New York beat us only because one church gave over \$1,000 by itself.



This picture of the Royal Ranger Outpost in Calvary Temple, Concord, California was taken on a recent Royal Ranger Sunday emphasis.



Outpost Commanders of Calvary Temple including Pastor Murray as Chaplain, Sectional Commander Ray Tice, and Senior Commander Jim Buss.



Bethany Produces Long-Play Album

On February 19, the Singing Ambassadors, Bethany's traveling choir, journeyed to Southern California where they held performances Saturday evening at Taft and Sunday in Alhambra and North Hollywood.

The choir remained in Glendale, California, Monday and Tuesday to produce a long play recording in the Lorne Whitney Studios. Directed by Dave Peters, Bethany's Music Director, the record features such favorites as: Ivory Palaces, Jacob's Ladder, A New Name in Glory, Deep Within My Heart, and eight others.

The record, which was released on March 17, has the Supreme label and was produced by Paul Mickleson.

Orders are now available by writing "Music from Bethany", 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California. The stereo record is \$4.95 and the monaural is \$3.95.

A Layman Looks At Resurrection

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Some Impelling Truths

The Jews made provision to seal and guard the tomb against the Lord's disciples; they little realized that they could not guard it against Christ himself. No man had anything to do with the resurrection of the crucified Saviour. This was a demonstration of supernatural power whereby God raised Him from the dead. The power of resurrection was also inherent in our Lord who declared to His disciples: "...I lay down my life...I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." Man may entomb a dead body but no man can stay the resurrection power of the Son of God.

The stone was rolled away, not to let Christ out but to let the wondering disciples in. Dr. Robert Speer used to say that the crowning evidence to these disciples was the collapsed grave clothes and the napkin which had been wrapped about His head lying separately. There was something so significant in these clothes that although they did not yet understand the scripture having to do with His resurrection they were nevertheless convinced that it was a fact.

All the synoptic writers tell of the resurrection. No two tell the same story, each is supplemental to the other, and all bear the clear stamp of honesty and accuracy.

The Sabbath day was deeply rooted in the law and in the practices of the Jewish religion. Only a cataclysmic event could have changed the old Jewish Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, to the Christian Sabbath, the first day of the week. In fact the first day of the week is not mentioned until after the resurrection but from that time, as an obvious commemoration of that glorious event, the Sabbath was observed on the first day of the week.

The angelic manifestations at His
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College Council Pledges \$12,000 to Bethany

The annual meeting and banquet of the Bethany Bible College Council, the college's lay council, convened in Santa Cruz February 11. Council Chairman, Ray Hollingsworth, manager of radio station KEEN-FM in San Jose, presided. The other officers include Council Vice-President, Herb Ellingworth, Deputy District Attorney Alameda County, and Mrs. Marjorie Maddocks Sherman of San Francisco.

After special music by Bethany students, the college Music Director, Dave Peters and his wife, Idee, the Reverend Kenneth Schmidt of Grand Junction, Colorado gave a stirring ad-

dress. Pledges from the College Council members were then received which totaled about \$12,000. According to Council President Hollingsworth, the group gave about the same amount last year.

Less than two years ago the council spearheaded a project which raised \$17,500 for the completion of the third floor of Bethany's new Men's Dormitory.

These dedicated laymen are a vital part of the organization behind the operation of Bethany. They have expressed through their actions a deep-seated concern for the Christ-centered education of our constituency's youth.



Dr. Burnett addresses the College Council and their guests at the annual College Council banquet held on the Bethany Bible College campus, Feb. 11. The group pledged about \$12,000 to help finance Bethany's educational program.

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A Layman Looks At Resurrection

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resurrection are significant. When Christ was born it was angels who announced the event. On the mount of transfiguration we again find two men, Moses and Elias, talking with Him about his death which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem. At His ascension it was again two angels who spoke to the disciples as they gazed heavenward and affirmed: "...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." In the first two cases the supernatural affirmation was accompanied by a confirmed fact. Now another affirmation is accompanied by irrefutable proofs. By like token we can believe in His future personal and visible return.

A final impelling truth: his disciples were confused and dull of understanding when He referred to His coming death and resurrection; they frankly admit that they did not at first believe the resurrection story; collusion for the removal of the body would have been impossible; then, they saw, and touched, and heard and lived with the risen Lord:

Because the resurrection was crowning and visible evidence of the power of God to these disciples; unlearned and ignorant men; fearful and scattered as sheep without a shepherd; yet these same men were completely transformed.

To the end of their days evidence of a lack of formal education remained with them. But the educated and the powerful were amazed in their presence and "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

These same disciples who had fled before the torch-lit mob headed by Judas; (one of whom had cursed and sworn that he knew not the Christ), — these same disciples stood unafraid and unabashed before the murderers of Jesus and said: "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole." And, when ordered not to preach in His Name and threatened with dire punishment should they do so, they prayed — not for protection but for courage: "And now Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant to thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word. . ."

Weak in faith and turning again to their fishing nets in their disillusionment, these same disciples were suddenly transformed by the blinding light of a new faith, a knowledge that the Lord they thought to be decaying in a tomb was alive — that He had triumphed over death and the grave — and this realization completely transformed their lives. Instead of returning to a quest for the fish of Galilee, they went out to preach the Gospel of redemption and a new life in their risen Lord: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

Nothing less than the visible, bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; a fact beyond any possible doubt; a transforming event which itself became a doctrine to be preached; nothing less than the infallible proofs which they themselves had seen and experienced could account for the transformation of these men.

How Has the Resurrection Affected You?"

The Christian religion is a supernatural religion and it has a supernatural effect on those who believe. It is folly to try to confine God to the natural realm. We the creatures can but humbly bow in the presence of the Creator.

In God's plan of redemption the supernatural is seen on every hand. Our Lord, the eternal Son of God, is a supernatural Person. That He emptied Himself and came into this world was itself a supernatural act and it was accomplished in a supernatural way — His virgin birth. His life showed His supernatural powers and His death accomplished a supernatural redemption for those who will accept it. His resurrection, while a supernatural event was but the natural consequence of both His person and His power.

Therefore, faith in the resurrection of our Lord and the assurance that believers have immortality and will spend eternity with Him is an absolutely necessary corollary of the Christian faith. He lives and we who believe in Him will live too.

Our faith is not in a dead man but in a living Saviour and Redeemer. The resurrection story and its effect on the hearts and minds of believers is the crowning evidence of God's saving grace. Prove it? Talk with Him today and He will make His living presence a reality in your life.

Faith in the resurrected Lord transformed a group of timid and unlearned men so that they went out and

established the early Church against seemingly impossible odds. Has faith in Him and His resurrection power made any difference in your life?

These disciples of old went out to preach: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are witnesses." They did this because He had poured out His Holy Spirit upon them and they went in the wisdom and in the power of that Spirit.

That which God did through His disciples nineteen hundred years ago He wants to do through you and me today. Paul saw this same risen Lord and He transformed him. Later he was able to make this profound affirmation: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Brother . . . That is LIVING!



**IF...
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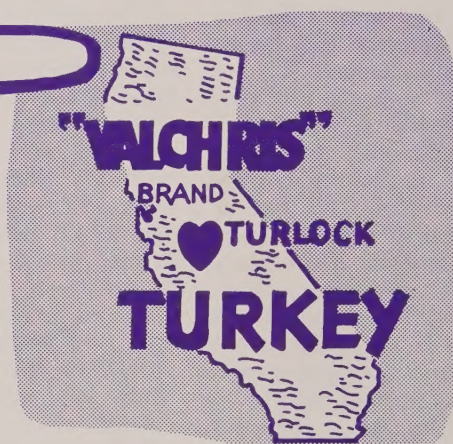
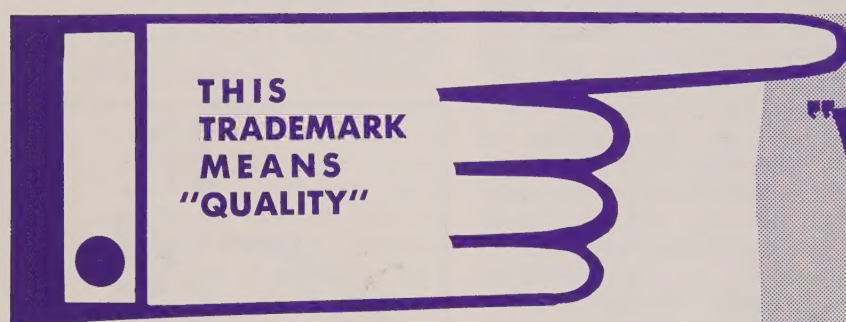
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zania, East Africa, spoke on the convention theme, "His Hand Extended." He said, "If God's work is to be accomplished, men and women who need Christ must not only be preached to, but they must be 'touched' by the Gospel." Mr. Hurst went on to emphasize, "We must live in such a way that we can be Christ's hand extended."

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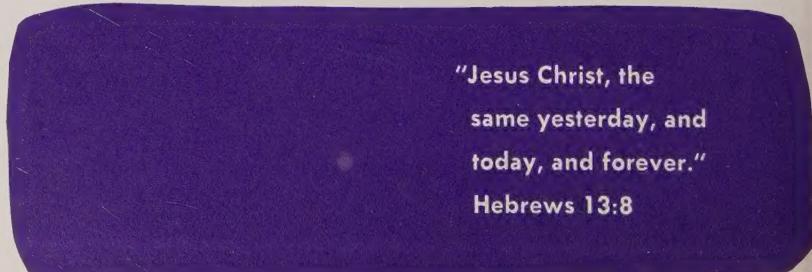
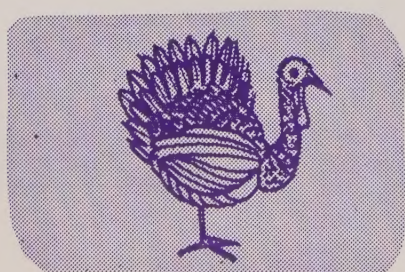
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